

HOUSE BILL 1131

By Farmer

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 5, relative to education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-413(d)(3)(B), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead:

(B)

(i) An employer, or employee of the employer to whom this subsection (d) applies, shall not come into direct contact with school children or with children in a child care program or enter the grounds of a school or child care center when children are present if the criminal history records check indicates that the employer or employee has been convicted of a criminal offense within the last twenty (20) years, or was released from incarceration after conviction within the last ten (10) years, from the date on which the application is made.

(ii) Regardless of the time since conviction or release, an employer, or employee of the employer to whom this subsection (d) applies, shall not come into direct contact with school children or with children in a child care program or enter the grounds of a school or child care center when children are present if the criminal history records check indicates that the employer or employee has been convicted of the following offenses, or the same or similar offense in any jurisdiction, including convictions for the solicitation of, attempt to commit, conspiracy, or acting as an accessory to:

(a) A sexual offense or a violent sexual offense as defined in §
40-39-202;

- (b) An offense in title 39, chapter 13;
- (c) §§ 39-14-301 and 39-14-302;
- (d) §§ 39-14-401 — 39-14-404;
- (e) §§ 39-15-401 and 39-15-402;
- (f) § 39-17-417; or
- (g) An offense in title 39, chapter 17, part 13.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.